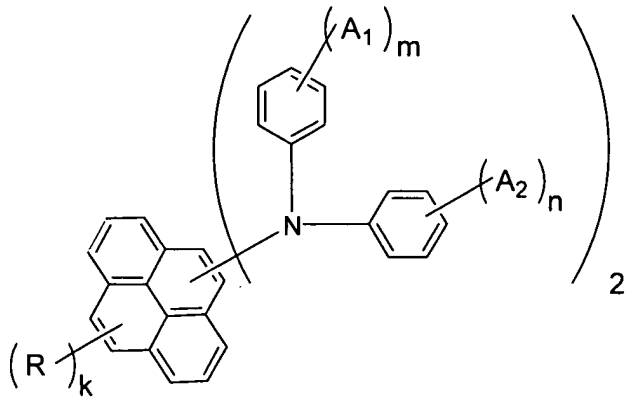
IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An aromatic amine derivative represented by the following general formula (II):



(II)

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom;

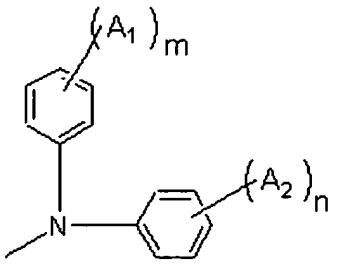
k is an integer of 1 to 8 [[9]], and when **k** is 2 or more, a plurality of R groups may be the same with or different from each other;

~~A^1 and A^2~~ A_1 and A_2 are each independently a hydrogen atom, ~~a substituted or~~ an unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms,~~ a cyano group or a halogen atom;

m and **n** are each an integer of 0 to 5 wherein when **m** is 2 or more, a plurality of [[A^1]] A_1 groups may be the same with or different from each other and may be bonded to each other to form an saturated or unsaturated ring, and when **n** is 2 or more, a plurality of [[A^2]] A_2 groups may be the same with or different from each other and may be bonded to each other to form an saturated or unsaturated ring,

with the proviso that at least one of ~~A^1 and A^2~~ A_1 and A_2 contains any of ~~a substituted or~~ an unsubstituted alkyl group having 2 or more carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 2 or more carbon atoms,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 or more carbon atoms, and a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 2 or more carbon atoms ~~and a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 2 or more carbon atoms~~; and

the two groups ~~being~~ represented by the following formula:



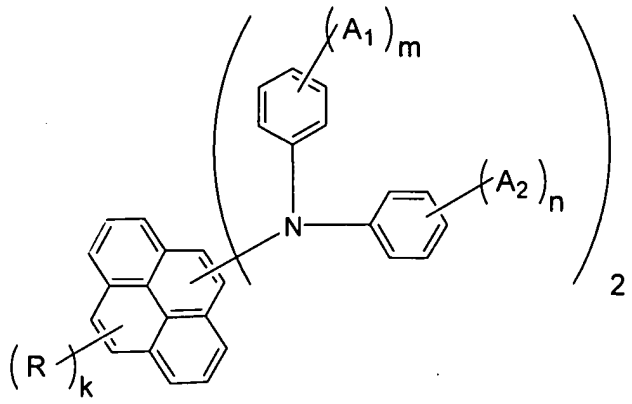
~~within the parenthesis ( )$_2$ of~~ in the general formula (II), may be the same [[with]] or different from each other, and bond to the pyrene ring at the 1-position and 6-position.

3. – 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The aromatic amine derivative according to claim 2, wherein at least one of ~~A^1 and A^2~~ A_1 and A_2 in the general formula (II) contains any of ~~a substituted or~~ an unsubstituted branched alkyl group having 3 or more carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted branched aralkyl group having 3 or more carbon atoms,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 or more carbon atoms, and a substituted or unsubstituted branched alkoxy group having 3 or more carbon atoms ~~and a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 2 or more carbon atoms~~.

6. – 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) An aromatic amine derivative represented by the following general formula (II'):



(II')

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, ~~a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms,~~ a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom;

k is an integer of 1 to 8 [[9]], and when **k** is 2 or more, a plurality of R groups may be the same with or different from each other;

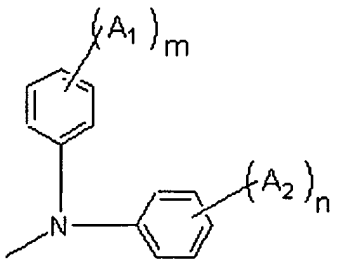
~~A^1 and A^2~~ A_1 and A_2 are each independently a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group having 3 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted arylamino group

having 5 to 50 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylamino group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, a cyano group or a halogen atom;

m and **n** are each an integer of 0 to 5 wherein when **m** is 2 or more, a plurality of [[A^1]] A_1 groups may be the same with or different from each other and may be bonded to each other to form an saturated or unsaturated ring, and when **n** is 2 or more, a plurality of [[A^2]] A_2 groups may be the same with or different from each other and may be bonded to each other to form an saturated or unsaturated ring,

with the proviso that at least one of **m** and **n** is an integer of 2 or more; and

the two groups ~~being~~ represented by the following formula:



~~within the parenthesis ( )$_2$ of~~ in the general formula (II'), may be the same [[with]] or different from each other, and bond to the pyrene ring at the 1-position and 6-position.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and one or ~~plural~~ more organic thin film layers ~~having~~ including at least [[a]] one light emitting layer ~~which are sandwiched~~ between the cathode and the anode, wherein at

least one of the organic thin film layers contains the aromatic amine derivative as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2 in the form of a single substance or a component of a mixture.

11. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode and two or more organic thin film layers ~~having~~ including at least [[a]] one light emitting layer ~~which are sandwiched~~ between the cathode and the anode, wherein the organic thin film layers include an organic layer containing the aromatic amine derivative as claimed in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2 as a main component ~~which is provided~~ between the anode and the light emitting layer.

12. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The organic electroluminescent device ~~comprising a cathode, an anode and one or plural organic thin film layers having at least a light emitting layer which are sandwiched between the cathode and the anode~~ according to claim 10, wherein the light emitting layer contains the aromatic amine derivative ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ in an amount of 0.1 to 20% by weight.

13. (New) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and one or more organic thin film layers including at least one light emitting layer between the cathode and the anode, wherein at least one of the organic thin film layers contains the aromatic amine derivative as claimed in claim 8 in the form of a single substance or a component of a mixture.

14. (New) An organic electroluminescent device comprising a cathode, an anode, and two or more organic thin film layers including at least one light emitting layer between the cathode and the anode, wherein the organic thin film layers include an organic layer containing the aromatic amine derivative as claimed in claim 8 as a main component between the anode and the light emitting layer.

15. (New) The organic electroluminescent device according to claim 13, wherein the light emitting layer contains the aromatic amine derivative in an amount of 0.1 to 20% by weight.